

Alburnoides manyasensis (Actinopterygii, Cyprinidae), a new species of cyprinid fish from Manyas Lake basin, Turkey

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Abstract

Alburnoides manyasensis, sp. n., is described from the Koca Stream (Lake Manyas drainage, Marmara Sea basin) in Anatolia. It is distinguished from all species of *Alburnoides* in Turkey and adjacent regions, *Alburnoides tzanevi* (Rezovska [Rezve], Istranca and Terkos streams in the western Black Sea drainage), *Alburnoides* cf. *smyrnae* (Banaz Stream, a drainage of Büyük Menderes River, Aegean Sea basin), *Alburnoides fasciatus* (streams and rivers in the eastern Black Sea drainage) and *Alburnoides eichwaldii* (Kura and Aras rivers [a drainage of Kura River], Caspian Sea basin) by a combination of the following characters (none unique to the species): marked hump at nape, especially in specimens larger than 60 mm SL; partly developed ventral keel between pelvic fin and anal fin, scaleless 1/2 to 2/3 its length; body depth at dorsal-fin origin 29–32% SL; caudal peduncle depth 11–12% SL; 45–52+ 2–3 lateral-line scales; 9–12 scale rows between lateral line and dorsal-fin origin; 4–5 scale rows between lateral line and anal-fin origin, 10½–12½ branched anal-fin rays; 40–42 total vertebrae.

Keywords

Anatolia, Cyprinidae, taxonomy, *Alburnoides*, new species

Introduction

The genus *Alburnoides* is characterized by small black spots near the pores located on each side of the lateral line outlining the canal at least along its anterior portion (Bogutskaya and Coad 2009). Three species of *Alburnoides* had been recognized as valid species before 2007. These were *Alburnoides oblongus* Bulgakov, 1923 [Chirchik River, Aral Sea basin], *Alburnoides taeniatus* (Kessler, 1874) [Tashkent, Aral Sea basin], and *Alburnoides bipunctatus* (Bloch, 1782) [France through Europe north of the Alps eastwards to the Black, Caspian and Aral Sea basins] (Berg 1949; Bogutskaya and Naseka 2004). Furthermore, 10 subspecies and local forms were described or reported within the *Alburnoides bipunctatus* complex: *A. bipunctatus armeniensis* Dadikyan, 1972 [Aras River, Kura River Drainage, Caspian Sea basin], *A. bipunctatus eichwaldii* De Filippi, 1863 [Kura River, Caspian Sea basin], *A. bipunctatus rossicus* Berg, 1924 [Dnieper River, Black Sea basin and Volga River, Caspian Sea basin], *A. bipunctatus rossicus* natio *kubanicus* Berg, 1932 [Kuban River, Sea of Azov basin], *A. bipunctatus ohridanus* Karaman, 1928 [Lake Ohrid, Adriatic Sea basin], *A. bipunctatus* var. *prespensis* Karaman, 1924 [Lake Prespa], *A. bipunctatus* var. *smyrnæ* Pellegrin, 1927 [Melel Stream (near İzmir), Aegean Sea basin], *A. bipunctatus strymonicus* Chichkoff, 1940 [Struma River, Aegean Sea Basin], *A. bipunctatus tzanevi* Chichkoff, 1933 [Rezovska River (ancient Riesova River as mentioned by Chichkoff and Rezve in Turkish)], Black Sea basin], and *A. bipunctatus* subsp. (Berg 1949) [Kuma, Terek, Sulak rivers, Caspian Sea basin] (Berg 1949; Bogutskaya and Coad 2009). Besides above mentioned subspecies and local forms of *Alburnoides bipunctatus*, *Aspius fasciatus* Nordmann, 1840 [rivers of the western Transcaucasia, Black Sea basin] and *Alburnoides maculatus* Kessler, 1859 [Salgir River, Sea of Azov basin] have also been synonymized as *Alburnoides bipunctatus*.

Kottelat and Freyhof (2007) reported *Alburnoides bipunctatus ohridanus* and *Alburnoides bipunctatus* var. *prespensis* as valid species. Later, *A. bipunctatus rossicus*, *A. bipunctatus rossicus* natio *kubanicus*, *A. bipunctatus fasciatus*, *Alburnoides maculatus* and *A. bipunctatus eichwaldii* were reported as a valid species by Coad and Bogutskaya (2009) and Bogutskaya and Coad (2009). In addition to these, following 10 new species were described: *Alburnoides devolli* Bogutskaya, Zupančič et Naseka, 2010 [Seman River system, Adriatic Sea basin], *A. fangfangae* Bogutskaya, Zupančič et Naseka, 2010 [Seman River system, Adriatic Sea basin], *A. gmelini* Bogutskaya et Coad, 2009 [Sunzha River, Terek River drainage, Caspian Sea basin], *A. holciki* Coad et Bogutskaya, 2012 [Hari (Tedzhen) River, endorheic (historically Aral Sea basin)], *A. idignensis* Bogutskaya et Coad, 2009 [Bid Sorkh River, Gav Masiab River system, Tigris River drainage, Persian Gulf basin], *A. namaki* Bogutskaya et Coad, 2009 [Qanat at Taveh, Namak Lake basin], *A. nicolausi* Bogutskaya et Coad, 2009 [Simareh River in Karkheh River system, Tigris River drainage, Persian Gulf basin], *A. petrubanarescui* Bogutskaya et Coad, 2009 [Qasemlou Chay, Orumiyeh Lake basin], *A. qanati* Coad et Bogutskaya, 2009 [qanat in the Pulvar River drainage, Kor River basin], and *A. varentsovi* Bogutskaya et Coad, 2009 [Ashkhabadka River, endorheic (historically Aral Sea basin)] (Coad and Bogutskaya 2009, 2012; Bogutskaya and Coad 2009, Bogutskaya et al. 2010).

The genus *Alburnoides* is widely distributed in Turkey in rivers and streams of basins of the Marmara, Black and Aegean seas from tributaries of Büyük Menderes River in the west, Euphrates and Tigris river drainages in the east and south-east, and Kura River drainage in the east, being absent only from the Mediterranean Sea basin (Kuru 1975, Erk'akan 1983, Kutrup 1994, Turan 2003, Kuru 2004, Geldiay and Balık 2009, our data). The populations of *Alburnoides* from streams and rivers in the eastern Black sea coast of Turkey were identified as *A. fasciatus*, and populations from Kura as *A. eichwaldii* (Bogutskaya et al. 2010).

In order to understand the *Alburnoides* diversity in Turkey, we sampled at 105 localities throughout the country between 2004 and 2012. In this paper we shall only discuss *Alburnoides* distributed in the Manyas Lake drainage in Marmara sea basin of Turkey (Fig. 1). After comparison with the other *Alburnoides* species of Turkey, including Kura River (Caspian Sea basin), Menderes River (Aegen Sea basin), also rivers Terkos, Istranca, Çoruh and İyidere (Black Sea basin), we concluded it is a distinct unnamed species which we describe herein as *A. manyasensis*.

Materials and methods

Fish were caught by pulsed DC electrofishing equipment and killed by overanesthetization, fixed in formaldehyde and stored in ethanol. Material is deposited in: FFR, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University Zoology Museum of the Faculty of Fisheries (Former Fisheries Faculty of the city of Rize). Counts and measurements follow Hubbs and Lagler (1947) except as follows. Head width₁: the distance between the anterior eye margins; head width₂: the distance between the posterior eye margins; head width₃: the head width at the nape; head depth₁: the head depth through the eye; head depth₂: the

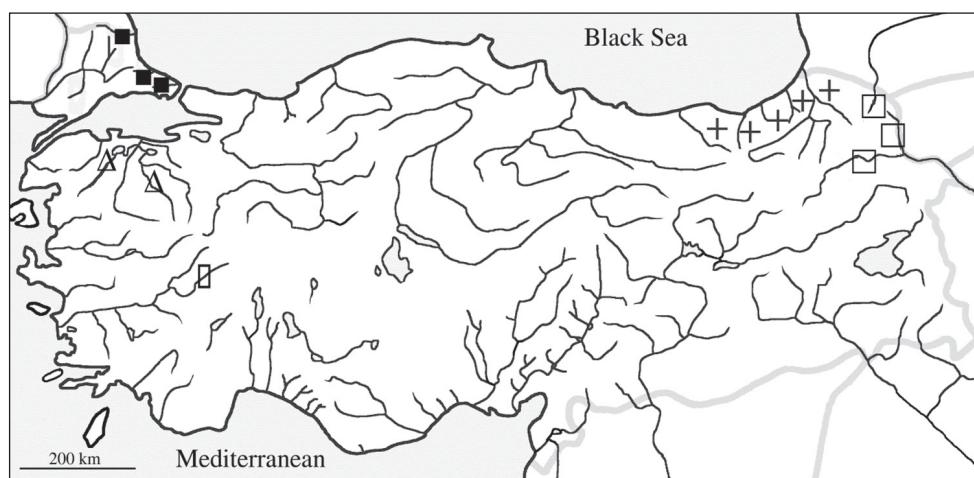


Figure 1. Distribution of named *Alburnoides* species in Turkey: *A. manyasensis* (Δ), *A. cf. smyrnae* (\square), *A. tzanewi* (\blacksquare), *A. fasciatus* (+), and *A. eichwaldii* (\square).

head depth at the nape; snout width: measured at level of the nostrils. The lateral-line scales are counted from the anteriormost scale (the first one to touch the shoulder girdle) to the end of the hypural complex. The scales on the caudal fin itself are indicated by '+'. The last two branched dorsal and anal rays articulating on a single pterygiophore are counted as 1½. The number in parentheses after a count indicates the frequency of occurrence of the count. Vertebral counts were obtained from radiographs and counted as total, predorsal, abdominal and caudal vertebrae following Bogutskaya and Coad (2009). Predorsal vertebrae include the Weberian vertebrae and abdominal vertebrae anterior to the first dorsal-fin pterygiophore. Abdominal vertebrae were counted from the first Weberian vertebra to the one just anterior the first caudal vertebra. The first caudal vertebra is that with its haemal spine fully developed (Fig. 2). The count of total and caudal vertebrae includes the last complex vertebra bearing hypurals.

The morphometric characters of the five species of *Alburnoides* from Turkey were compared by Principal Component Analysis (PCA) using a covariance matrix on log-transformed measurements and counts with the software package PAST version 1.8 (Hammer et al. 2001).

Results

Alburnoides manyasensis sp. n.

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Fig. 2, 3

Holotype. FFR 01069. Female. 82 mm SL; Turkey, Balıkesir Prov., Koca Stream at outlet of Manyas Dam Lake, Lake Manyas drainage; 39°59'26"N, 27°47'58"E, 11 July 2007, coll. D. Turan and R. Buyurcu.

Paratypes. FFR 01073, 24, 54–92 mm SL; same data as holotype.

Diagnosis. *Alburnoides manyasensis* is distinguished from all the species of *Alburnoides* in Turkey and adjacent areas by a combination of the following characters (none unique to the species): partly or slightly developed ventral keel between pelvic fin and anal fin, scaleless about 1/2 to 2/3 its length; upper body profile markedly convex, with marked hump at nape, especially in specimens larger than 60 mm SL; upper head profile straight or slightly convex in interorbital area, slightly convex on snout; corner of mouth reaching vertical through anterior margin of pupil; snout with slightly pointed tip; interorbital width 7–8% SL; dark grey stripe indistinct or slightly distinct in anterior part of body but distinct in posterior body; pigmentation of lateral line slightly distinct in anterior part of body but indistinct in posterior part of body (Fig. 3) in most of specimens; 45–52+2–3 lateral-line scales, 9–12 scale rows between lateral line and dorsal-fin origin, 4–5 scale rows between lateral line and anal-fin origin, 10½–12½ branched anal-fin rays; pharyngeal teeth 4.2–2.4, markedly hooked; total vertebrae 40–42: 20–22, with mode of 21, abdominal and 19–21, with mode of 20, caudal vertebrae.

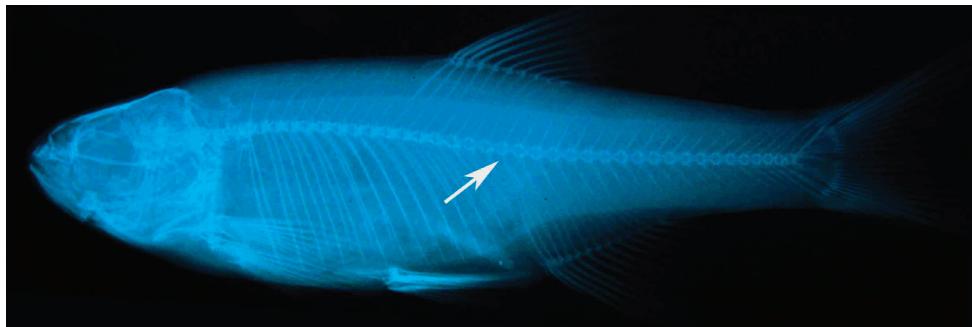


Figure 2. *Alburnoides manyasensis* sp. n. Radiograph of a paratype, FFR 01073, 74 mm SL. Arrow shows first caudal vertebra.



Figure 3. *Alburnoides manyasensis*; Turkey: Balikesir Province: Koca Stream, Lake Manyas drainage, holotype, FFR 01069, female, 82 mm SL.

Description. Maximum known size 92 mm SL. General appearance shown in Fig. 3; morphometric and meristic data given in Tables 1 and 3. Body deep, its depth at dorsal-fin origin 29–32% SL, mean 29.4, at anal-fin origin 22–27% SL, mean 24.4, and markedly compressed. Dorsal profile markedly convex with marked hump at nape in specimens larger than 60 mm SL, ventral profile less convex than dorsal profile. Predorsal length 52–58% SL, mean 54.2. Caudal peduncle deep, its depth 11–12% SL, mean 11.5. Head short, its length 25–27% SL, mean 26.0, approximately 0.8–0.9 times body depth at dorsal fin origin, dorsal profile straight or slightly convex at interorbital area, slightly convex at snout. Snout short, slightly pointed, its length 6–8% SL, mean 6.8, shorter than both eye diameter (eye diameter 7–9% SL, mean 8.2) and interorbital width (interorbital width 7–8 %SL, mean 7.7). Mouth terminal, with very slightly marked chin, its corner reaching vertical through anterior margin of pupil.

Lateral line with 45–52 + 2–3 scales; (9)10–12 scales rows between lateral line and dorsal-fin origin; 4–5 scales between lateral line and anal-fin origin. Gill rakers 8–10: 2–3 + 6–7 on outer side of first gill arch. Dorsal fin with 3 simple and 8½, rarely 7½ or 9½, branched rays; its depth 21–27% SL, outer margin straight or slightly concave. Pectoral fin long, not reaching pelvic-fin origin in both sexes, its length 20–24% SL, outer margin slightly convex, with 12–13 branched rays. Pelvic fin rounded, reaching

Table 1. Morphometric characters in *Alburnoides manyaensis*, *Alburnoides cf. smyrnae* and *A. tzanevi*. Mean values are given in parentheses.

River or stream	<i>A. manyaensis</i> , n=24			<i>A. cf. smyrnae</i> , n=8			<i>A. tzanevi</i> , n=10			<i>A. tzanevi</i> , n=10		
	Marmara Sea			Aegean Sea			Black Sea			Black Sea		
	Koca			Büyük Menderes			Terkos			Istranca		
	Range	SD	Holo-type	Range	SD	Range	SD	Range	SD	Range	SD	SD
Standard length (mm)	54–92		80	58–77		63–81		63–94				
In percents of standard length												
Head length	24.5–27.3 (26.0)	0.68	25.2	25.7–27.8 (26.7)	0.71	26.0–27.7 (26.6)	0.58	24.8–26.8 (25.6)	0.71			
Body depth at dorsal fin origin	28.8–31.9 (29.4)	1.14	30.0	27.8–29.5 (28.6)	0.64	24.5–27.2 (25.9)	0.95	23.7–26.0 (24.9)	0.83			
Body depth at anal fin origin	22.3–26.8 (24.4)	1.26	25.5	23.2–25.2 (24.3)	0.64	21.0–22.9 (22.0)	0.62	20.4–21.8 (21.0)	0.52			
Caudal peduncle depth	10.7–12.2 (11.5)	0.42	11.8	10.8–12.3 (11.8)	0.47	10.2–11.0 (10.5)	0.24	8.8–10.3 (9.4)	0.49			
Predorsal length	52.4–57.8 (54.2)	1.31	52.7	50.7–55.1 (53.0)	1.29	52.9–54.3 (53.6)	0.48	51.0–53.9 (52.5)	1.00			
Prepelvic length	44.4–49.7 (46.8)	1.33	46.9	46.0–47.9 (46.8)	0.71	46.1–48.9 (47.5)	0.87	44.8–48.0 (46.2)	1.23			
Preanal length	61.4–67.2 (64.5)	1.54	66.4	63.2–67.7 (65.2)	1.34	64.0–68.8 (66.8)	1.45	65.4–68.0 (66.5)	0.99			
Pectoral-fin origin to anal fin	38.1–44.2 (41.3)	1.36	44.2	38.3–42.9 (40.8)	1.73	38.4–44.5 (42.7)	1.87	40.2–44.3 (42.5)	1.38			
Pectoral-fin origin to pelvic fin	20.5–24.5 (22.9)	0.94	23.7	19.3–25.0 (22.2)	1.90	21.3–24.6 (22.9)	1.11	20.1–24.4 (22.1)	1.34			
Pelvic-fin origin to anal fin	16.7–21.2 (18.6)	1.14	21.2	17.1–20.3 (18.7)	1.10	18.0–21.9 (20.2)	1.16	20.4–22.8 (21.3)	0.83			
Caudal peduncle length	20.4–25.0 (22.2)	1.20	22.3	20.7–26.2 (23.7)	2.31	18.2–21.0 (19.5)	1.02	18.1–23.1 (20.4)	1.53			
Dorsal fin depth	21.3–27.3 (24.4)	1.64	23.3	21.7–27.9 (24.6)	1.94	20.6–23.4 (21.8)	0.99	20.7–25.6 (22.0)	1.38			
Pectoral fin length	20.1–23.6 (21.3)	0.83	20.7	18.6–23.6 (20.6)	2.09	19.2–21.7 (20.2)	0.91	18.4–21.7 (19.9)	0.99			
Pelvic fin length	14.5–18.5 (16.8)	0.80	16.5	17.3–21.0 (19.2)	1.18	13.5–17.0 (15.9)	0.99	15.7–17.1 (16.5)	0.47			
Anal fin length	15.9–20.9 (18.7)	1.98	18.0	18.4–21.3 (20.0)	1.03	16.9–18.4 (17.5)	0.41	17.3–19.0 (18.1)	0.52			
Upper caudal-fin lobe	21.2–27.2 (24.5)	1.73	23.9	27.9–31.3 (29.1)	1.07	21.5–24.4 (22.9)	0.97	22.4–26.8 (23.1)	1.54			
Middle caudal-fin lobe	12–15.9 (14.4)	0.99	14.7	14.3–17.3 (16.0)	1.09	13.3–14.7 (14.1)	0.54	12.4–14.5 (13.4)	0.90			
Head width ₁	7.6–9.7 (8.8)	0.64	9.5	8.9–10.3 (9.9)	0.49	8.5–9.7 (9.2)	0.39	7.9–9.6 (9.1)	0.44			
Head width ₂	11.5–13.6 (12.7)	0.54	12.8	13.3–15.3 (14.0)	0.58	11.2–12.5 (11.9)	0.44	11.6–12.4 (12.1)	0.32			

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	Basin			Marmara Sea			Aegean Sea			Black Sea		
	Koca			Biyilik Menderes			Terkos			Istranca		
	Range	SD	Holo-type	Range	SD	Range	SD	Range	SD	Range	SD	SD
Head width ₃	12.4-15.9 (13.6)	0.70	13.8	14.2-17.7 (15.0)	0.52	12.2-13.2 (12.8)	0.35	12.4-14.6 (13.1)	0.60			
Head depth ₁	13.2-15.0 (14.1)	0.56	14.4	14.4-16.0 (15.2)	0.53	13.8-14.9 (14.3)	0.37	12.3-14.5 (13.6)	0.66			
Head depth ₂	18.0-20.4 (19.2)	0.80	19.2	19.8-20.8 (20.3)	0.42	18.0-19.1 (18.7)	0.28	16.5-18.8 (17.5)	0.73			
Eye diameter	7.3-9.1 (8.2)	0.58	7.6	8.1-9.3 (8.7)	0.48	7.0-7.7 (7.4)	0.24	6.6-8.9 (7.7)	0.71			
Snout length	6.0-7.7 (6.8)	0.49	6.2	6.4-8.0 (7.0)	0.49	6.4-7.3 (6.8)	0.24	6.3-7.6 (6.9)	0.42			
Interorbital width	7.1-8.4 (7.7)	0.36	8.0	8.4-9.5 (8.9)	0.39	6.9-8.0 (7.3)	0.42	6.3-7.5 (6.9)	0.33			
Snout width at nostrils	6.8-9.8 (8.3)	0.96	9.4	7.8-9.9 (8.6)	0.68	9.2-10.3 (9.6)	0.36	8.7-10.7 (9.4)	0.35			

or slightly behind anus, with 1 simple and 7 branched rays. Anal fin with 3 simple and 10½–12½ branched rays, outer margin concave. Caudal fin forked, lobes slightly pointed.

Pharyngeal teeth 4.2–2.4, markedly hooked. Total vertebrae 40–42; predorsal vertebrae 13–15 with mode of 14; number of abdominal vertebrae 20–22 with mode of 21, and that of caudal vertebrae 19–21 with mode of 20 (frequency of occurrence of character states given in Table 3). Abdominal region longer than caudal region, rarely regions equal, and difference between abdominal and caudal counts varying from 2 to –1; most common vertebral formula 21+20.

Sexual dimorphism. There are small tubercles on rays of anal fins in male. The length of the paired fins does not display any statistically significant difference in males and females as it often occurs in other *Alburnoides* species.

Coloration. Formalin preserved adults and juveniles brownish on back and upper part of flank, yellowish on lower part of flank and belly. Caudal and dorsal fins light grey; pectoral, pelvic and anal fins yellowish. Spots along lateral line above and below pores slightly distinct in anterior part of body but indistinct in posterior part. Dark grey stripe (its width approximately equal to eye diameter) on upper part of flank from posterior margin of operculum to caudal peduncle, slightly distinct in anterior body part but clearly distinct in posterior part. No or few dark pigment dots on each scale pocket below lateral stripe.

Distribution and notes on biology. *Alburnoides manyasensis* is known only from the Koca Stream, drainage of Lake Manyas, Marmara Sea basin (Fig. 1). It inhabits clear fast running water with cobble and pebble substrates. *Capoeta tinca* (Heckel, 1843), *Barbus oligolepis* Battalgil, 1941, *Squalius cii* (Richardson, 1857), *Vimba vimba* (Linnaeus, 1758), *Chondrostoma* sp., *Rhodeus amarus* (Bloch, 1782), *Oxynoemacheilus* sp. and *Alburnus* sp. were collected together with *A. manyasensis*.

Etymology. The name of the species, an adjective, is derived from the name of Lake Manyas.

Discussion

We compared the material from the Koca Stream in the Marmara Sea basin with *Alburnoides fasciatus* from streams and rivers in the eastern Black Sea basin, *Alburnoides eichwaldii* from Kura and Aras rivers (Kura River drainage) and *Alburnoides tzanevi* from Rezovska (Rezve), Istranca and Terkos streams in the western Black Sea basin.

No specimens were collected from the type locality of *A. bipunctatus* var. *smyrnæ* although we checked it (Melel Stream, Aegean Sea basin) as well as some streams and rivers near İzmir (ancient Smyrna, Aegean Sea basin, Turkey). Thus, we failed to catch any specimens from the population which is known to exist quite sparsely in the province of İzmir where the habitat is heavily degraded. Instead, we examined 8 specimens of *Alburnoides* from Banaz Stream, a tributary of Büyük Menderes River, Aegean Sea basin. The Banaz Stream population exhibits character states similar to those

known in *A. bipunctatus* var. *smyrnæ* such as the numbers of lateral-line scales and anal-fin branched rays. They have 41–46 total lateral line scales according to Pellegrin (1928: 86) and 42–47 in our material, and 13–15 branched anal-fin rays according to Pellegrin (1928: 86) and 12½–14½ in our material. The population from the Büyük Menderes River is most probably conspecific with *A. bipunctatus* var. *smyrnæ*. Therefore we identify them as *Alburnoides* cf. *smyrnæ* (Fig. 4) and suppose it is a distinct valid species. It is distinguished from all species of *Alburnoides* in Turkey and adjacent watersheds by fewer total lateral-line scales (42–47, vs. 47–57, except for *A. tzanevi*) and a longer caudal fin (length of the upper caudal-fin lobe 28–31% SL, vs. 21–28, see Table 1). Besides characters mentioned, *Alburnoides* cf. *smyrnæ* differs from *A. tzanevi* by having a deeper body (28–30% SL, mean 28.6, vs. 24–27, mean 25.4).

Alburnoides manyasensis can be distinguished from *Alburnoides* cf. *smyrnæ* by having fewer branched anal-fin rays (10½–12½, vs. 12½–14½), a narrower interorbital distance (7–8% SL, mean 7.7, vs. 8–10, mean 8.9), the presence of a hump at nape in specimens larger than 60 mm SL (vs. absent), the ventral keel scaleless about 1/2 to 2/3 of its length (vs. almost entirely scaled) and the upper profile of head slightly convex at level of nostrils (Fig. 3) (vs. markedly convex, see Fig. 4).

The type locality of *Alburnoides bipunctatus tzanevi* is Rezovska River in Bulgaria, Black Sea drainage. We consider it to be a valid species because it can be easily distinguished from all species of *Alburnoides* in Turkey and adjacent area by a more slender body (the body depth at dorsal-fin origin about equal to the head length, vs. the body depth at dorsal-fin origin commonly greater than the head length), a considerably pointed snout (vs. slightly pointed or rounded). The detailed metric and meristic characters of *A. tzanevi* are given in Tables 1 and 3.

Besides the differences given above, *Alburnoides manyasensis* is distinguished from *A. tzanevi* by the presence of a hump at nape in specimens larger than 60 mm SL (vs. absent) and a deeper caudal peduncle (11–12% SL, mean 11.5, vs. 9–11, mean 9.9). In *A. manyasensis*, pigmentation of the lateral line is slightly distinct in anterior part of the body but indistinct in posterior part of body (Fig. 3) and the snout length is markedly shorter than interorbital distance in contrast to *A. tzanevi* (Fig. 5) with the lateral line clearly distinct in both the anterior and posterior parts of the body and the snout length about equal to the interorbital distance.

Alburnoides manyasensis differs well from *A. fasciatus* by the presence of a hump at nape in specimens larger than 60 mm SL (vs. absent) and in having fewer branched anal-fin rays (10½–12½, vs. 13½–15½) and fewer predorsal vertebrae (13–14, mode 14, vs. 14–15, mode 15). It is further distinguished from *A. fasciatus* by a more slender body (29–32% SL, mean 29.4, vs. 25–30, mean 27.8), a narrower head (head width at the anterior eye margin 8–10% SL, mean 8.8, vs. 10–11, mean 10.1) and a longer caudal peduncle (20–25% SL, mean 22.2, vs. 17–21, mean 19.1). In *A. manyasensis*, the eye diameter is longer than both the snout length and the interorbital width, while in *A. fasciatus* the eye diameter is smaller than both the snout length and the interorbital width (Table 2). In *A. manyasensis*, pigmentation of the lateral line is slightly distinct in the anterior part of the body but indistinct in the posterior part (Fig. 3) in



Figure 4. *Alburnoides* cf. *smyrnae*; Turkey: Uşak Province: Banaz Stream, Büyük Menderes River drainage, FFR 1110, female, 75 mm SL.



Figure 5. *Alburnoides tzanevi*; Turkey: İstanbul Province: Terkos Stream, FFR 1066, female, 77 mm SL.



Figure 6. *Alburnoides fasciatus*, Turkey: Artvin Province: Aralik Stream, Çoruh River drainage, FFR 1003, female, 75 mm SL.

contrast to *A. fasciatus* (Fig. 6) with the lateral line clearly distinct in both the anterior and posterior parts of the body.

Alburnoides manyasensis is easily distinguished from *A. eichwaldii* by the presence a hump at nape in specimens larger than 60 mm SL (vs. absent). It further differs from *A. eichwaldii* by a more slender body (body depth at dorsal fin origin 29–32% SL, mean 29.4, vs. 25–30, mean 27.5). In *Alburnoides manyasensis*, the eye diameter is longer than the snout length and the interorbital width, while in *A. eichwaldii* the

Table 2. Morphometric characters in *Alburnoides fasciatus* and *A. eichwaldii*. Mean values are given in parentheses.

Basin	<i>A. fasciatus</i> , n=14			<i>A. fasciatus</i> , n=10			<i>A. eichwaldii</i> , n=15			<i>A. eichwaldii</i> , n=10			
	Black Sea		Black Sea	iyidere		Caspian Sea		Aras		Caspian Sea		Kura	
River or stream	Çoruh	Range	SD	Range	SD	Range	SD	Range	SD	Range	SD	Range	SD
Standard length (mm)													
Standard length (mm)	60-77	52-67				55-107				55-87			
In percents of standard length													
Head length	25.5-27.5 (26.7)	0.55	24.5-28.3 (26.4)	1.57	24.3-27.7 (25.8)	1.16	25.8-27.6 (26.7)	0.68					
Body depth at dorsal fin origin	25.7-29.3 (27.8)	1.14	25.4-29.7 (27.9)	1.97	25.0-29.6 (27.5)	1.28	25.7-30.1 (27.7)	1.90					
Body depth at anal fin origin	22.6-25.6 (24.3)	0.91	22.3-24.2 (23.3)	0.81	21.7-24.4 (23.0)	0.86	21.1-25.3 (23.3)	1.22					
Caudal peduncle depth	10.8-12.0 (11.4)	0.40	11.0-12.2 (11.5)	0.46	11.4-13.2 (12.1)	0.48	11.2-12.6 (11.9)	0.41					
Predorsal length	53.0-55.6 (54.3)	0.76	52.8-56.1 (54.7)	0.99	50.6-54.6 (52.9)	1.09	52.8-56.3 (54.4)	1.25					
Prepelvic length	45.9-49.2 (47.3)	0.99	45.8-50.0 (48.7)	1.27	45.6-48.8 (47.2)	0.85	46.3-50.1 (48.1)	1.34					
Preanal length	64.2-68.4 (66.0)	1.25	65.2-69.1 (66.9)	1.19	63.3-66.2 (65.0)	0.83	64.1-69.2 (65.7)	1.60					
Pectoral-fin origin to anal fin	40.4-44.3 (41.9)	1.25	41.7-45.9 (43.0)	1.26	39.4-44.2 (41.4)	1.37	39.5-46.1 (41.5)	2.13					
Pectoral-fin origin to pelvic fin	20.9-23.9 (22.8)	0.66	22.6-26.3 (24.4)	1.08	21.5-26.6 (22.9)	1.29	22.1-26.2 (23.6)	1.30					
Pelvic-fin origin to anal fin	16.7-20.5 (18.8)	1.09	17.9-20.6 (19.0)	0.78	16.9-20.1 (18.6)	0.98	16.2-21.0 (18.3)	1.60					
Caudal peduncle length	18.1-20.6 (19.6)	0.68	16.9-20.0 (18.5)	0.96	19.6-23.3 (21.4)	0.97	19.2-21.3 (20.5)	0.75					
Dorsal fin depth	23.0-25.7 (24.0)	0.74	22.3-25.7 (23.7)	1.04	20.1-25.2 (23.0)	1.44	21.4-26.0 (23.6)	1.39					
Pectoral fin length	20.8-22.7 (21.6)	0.61	19.9-23.6 (21.9)	1.19	19.3-22.5 (20.7)	1.06	19.6-22.9 (21.5)	1.24					
Pelvic fin length	16.6-18.3 (17.1)	0.47	15.9-19.4 (17.6)	1.18	15.7-18.5 (16.8)	0.92	15.7-18.8 (17.2)	0.94					
Anal fin length	17.4-20.2 (18.2)	0.75	17.3-19.6 (18.1)	0.86	15.0-19.1 (16.8)	1.02	15.8-19.2 (17.4)	1.02					
Upper caudal-fin lobe	21.9-26.6 (24.8)	0.14	23.9-27.6 (25.0)	1.21	20.5-27.3 (24.0)	2.25	22.2-27.0 (24.0)	1.32					
Middle caudal-fin lobe	14.1-15.7 (14.8)	0.55	14.8-16.6 (15.8)	0.56	13.4-16.8 (15.1)	1.08	13.1-16.4 (15.2)	1.05					
Head width ₁	9.5-10.7 (10.1)	0.29	9.5-10.5 (9.9)	0.39	9.2-10.7 (10.0)	0.47	9.1-10.2 (9.7)	0.31					
Head width ₂	12.4-13.4 (13.0)	0.26	11.8-14.3 (12.9)	0.70	11.9-13.1 (12.6)	0.42	11.4-13.4 (12.6)	0.65					
Head width ₃	13.3-14.6 (14.0)	0.42	12.7-14.1 (13.3)	0.47	13.1-15.0 (14.0)	0.66	12.4-14.7 (13.5)	0.67					

River or stream	<i>A. fasciatus</i> , n=14			<i>A. fasciatus</i> , n=10			<i>A. eichwaldii</i> , n=15			<i>A. eichwaldii</i> , n=10		
	Basin	Black Sea	Black Sea	Coruh	Iyidere	Aras	Caspian Sea	Caspian Sea	Kura	Caspian Sea	Kura	SD
Head depth ₁	14.4–16.3 (15.2)	0.48	13.7–15.9 (14.8)	0.71	13.3–15.0 (14.4)	0.45	14.3–15.5 (14.9)	0.45	0.31	14.3–15.5 (14.9)	0.31	0.31
Head depth ₂	18.8–20.8 (19.7)	0.45	17.5–20.3 (19.1)	0.85	18.0–20.6 (19.4)	0.66	18.0–20.2 (19.4)	0.66	0.63	18.0–20.2 (19.4)	0.63	0.63
Eye diameter	7.0–8.1 (7.6)	0.33	7.3–8.0 (7.7)	0.23	5.9–7.3 (6.7)	0.47	6.5–8.1 (7.4)	0.47	0.61	6.5–8.1 (7.4)	0.61	0.61
Snout length	7.5–8.1 (7.7)	0.19	7.7–8.2 (7.8)	0.18	7.2–8.5 (7.8)	0.38	7.0–8.0 (7.6)	0.38	0.38	7.0–8.0 (7.6)	0.38	0.38
Interorbital width	8.7–9.8 (9.2)	0.32	8.0–9.4 (8.9)	0.44	7.8–8.8 (8.4)	0.31	7.4–9.5 (8.3)	0.31	0.59	7.4–9.5 (8.3)	0.59	0.59
Snout width at nostrils	9.1–10.6 (9.9)	0.39	9.4–10.8 (10.2)	0.55	9.6–10.7 (10.2)	0.29	10.0–11.3 (10.5)	0.29	0.40	10.0–11.3 (10.5)	0.40	0.40

Table 3. Frequency of occurrence of meristic characters in five *Alburnoides* species distributed in Turkey.

	Lateral-line scales																Mean
	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	
<i>A. manyasensis</i> , n=25	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	1	3	5	5	4	—	2	—	—	50.9
<i>A. cf smyrnae</i> , n=8	1	3	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.3
<i>A. tzanevi</i> , n=17	—	1	1	—	3	4	1	—	4	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	48
<i>A. fasciatus</i> , n= 30	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	8	7	3	6	—	1	—	—	—	50
<i>A. eichwaldii</i> , n= 38	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	2	5	8	8	2	3	—	1	51.7
	Scales above lateral line						Scales below lateral line				Branched anal-fin rays						
	9	10	11	12	Mean	4	5	6	Mean	10	11	12	13	14	15	Mean	
<i>A. manyasensis</i> , n=25	1	8	14	2	10.7	5	20	—	4.2	2	9	14	—	—	—	—	11.5
<i>A. cf smyrnae</i> , n=8	3	5	—	—	9.6	8	—	—	8	—	—	1	4	2	—	—	13
<i>A. tzanevi</i> , n=17	16	1	—	—	9.1	17	—	—	4	—	6	11	—	—	—	—	11.6
<i>A. fasciatus</i> , n=30	1	24	5	—	10.1	3	27	—	4.9	—	—	—	16	12	2	—	13.5
<i>A. eichwaldii</i> , n=38	11	23	4	—	9.8	4	32	2	4.9	—	3	20	13	2	—	—	12.4
	Total vertebrae					Abdominal vertebrae				Caudal vertebrae							Mean
	40	41	42	43	Mean	20	21	22	Mean	19	20	21	22	—	—	—	
<i>A. manyasensis</i> , n=10	3	5	2	—	40.9	1	8	1	21	2	6	2	—	—	—	—	20
<i>A. cf smyrnae</i> , n=8	—	6	2	—	41.3	3	5	—	20.6	—	6	2	—	—	—	—	20.3
<i>A. tzanevi</i> , n=9	1	3	5	—	41.4	2	5	2	21	—	6	2	1	—	—	—	20.4
<i>A. fasciatus</i> , n=10	—	4	5	1	41.7	—	5	5	21.5	2	4	4	—	—	—	—	20.2
<i>A. eichwaldii</i> , n=10	—	—	10	—	42	—	10	—	21	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	21

**Figure 7.** *Alburnoides eichwaldii*, Turkey: Ardahan Province: Hanak Stream, Kura River drainage, FFR 1047, female, 84 mm SL.

eye diameter is shorter than the snout length and the interorbital width (see Table 1, 2). In *Alburnoides manyasensis*, pigmentation of the lateral line is slightly distinct in the anterior part of the body but indistinct in the posterior part, while in *A. eichwaldii* (Fig. 7) the dots along the lateral line are distinct in both the anterior and posterior parts of the body.

Five *Alburnoides* species from Turkey (*A. manyasensis*, *A. cf. smyrnae*, *A. tzanevi*, *A. fasciatus* and *A. eichwaldii*) were compared by Principal Component Analysis (PCA). The

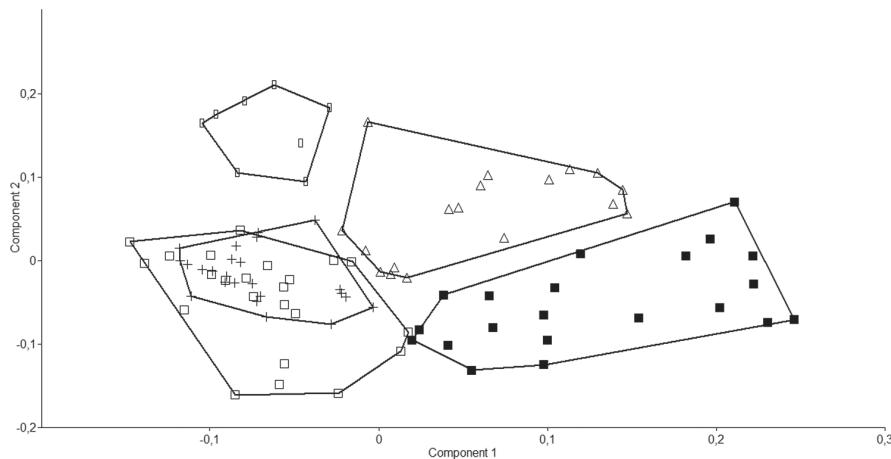


Figure 8. A scatter plot of the scores of the first two principal components (PC I, PC II) for 57 specimens of the five *Alburnoides* species (*A. manyasensis* (Δ)), *A. cf. smyrnae* (\square), *A. tzanevi* (\blacksquare), *A. fasciatus* (+) and *A. eichwaldii* (\square), based on 26 morphometric characters.

Table 4. Character loading on principal components I–II for 26 measurements taken on 96 specimens of five *Alburnoides* species (*A. manyasensis*, *A. cf. smyrnae*, *A. tzanevi*, *A. fasciatus* and *A. eichwaldii*).

Morphometric features (% SL)	PC I	PC II
Head length	-0.008	0.064
Body depth at dorsal-fin origin	0.009	0.122
Body depth at anal-fin origin	-0.056	0.118
Caudal peduncle depth	-0.175	0.142
Head width ₁ (ant. margin of eye)	-0.358	0.066
Head width ₂ (post. margin of eye)	-0.055	0.177
Head width ₃ (at opercle)	-0.135	0.173
Head depth ₁ at interorbital region	-0.161	0.079
Head depth ₂ (at nape)	-0.098	0.112
Eye diameter	0.353	0.311
Snout length	-0.322	0.165
Interorbital width	-0.355	0.275
Snout width at nostrils	-0.554	-0.158
Predorsal length	0.015	0.047
Prepelvic length	-0.018	0.000
Preanal length	-0.032	-0.031
Pectoral-fin origin to anal fin	-0.036	-0.098
Pectoral-fin origin to pelvic fin	-0.021	-0.080
Pelvic-fin origin to anal fin	-0.027	-0.161
Caudal-peduncle length	0.133	0.107
Dorsal-fin depth	0.144	0.356
Pectoral-fin length	0.035	0.248
Pelvic-fin length	0.003	0.224
Anal-fin length	0.182	0.245
Upper caudal-fin lobe	-0.068	0.213
Middle caudal-fin lobe	0.022	0.375

PCA was performed in using twenty-six morphometric characters of the five *Alburnoides* species. The PCA separated *A. manyasensis* from *A. cf. smyrnae*, *A. tzanevi*, *A. fasciatus* and *A. eichwaldii* (Fig. 8). Also, there was only marginal overlap between *A. fasciatus* and *A. eichwaldii* (Fig. 8). Variables loading on the first metric PC I-II are given in Table 4.

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